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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features noted. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Adverse winter weather continued to affect deliveries, although not as frequently. In the parts structure, wings were tight and cleared well. The remaining items were adequate to ample with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 01/01/01 was 57.17, compared to 56.21 last week, and 58.06 a year ago.

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 5th of January, 2000.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	88.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 12/30/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	176,457	181,480	-03
CHICKS PLACED	138,807	144,382	-04

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 176 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2000. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2000. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 30, 2000, were 7.47 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 146.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.69 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair to no better than moderate during midweek trading, and dealers were generally cautious and working on a hand-to-mouth basis. The market tone was steady. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light to fair. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were more than sufficient. Strong interest continued to center around wings keeping product no more than adequate to short of full needs.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and retail specials. Supplies were usually sufficient for light trade needs. Plant schedules resumed to normal since weather conditions were not as intense as early week. In the parts structure, wings were in the strongest position. All other parts were at least adequate with light to fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were light to moderate for the narrow buyer interest. Movement into retail channels was irregular, mostly light to fair with limited features noted. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly moderate. Deliveries from production areas continued to be irregular. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate with weights desirable to occasionally heavier than desired. Most receivers working off current inventories as restocking efforts slow to materialize. Parts trading remained slow and selective. Supplies of wings and gizzards remained short of trade needs with the balance of items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady on wings and steady at best on all other items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers interest in other than regular commitments light. Retailer demand fairly good to good, best to cover first of the month needs. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was firm on wings as they continued to fly high, however balance of parts generally steady.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed compared to yesterday and was generally no better than fair. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear easily. Other items were irregularly balanced from plant to plant, but were at least adequate overall. \*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	42-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.06
NO. OF BOXES	12,910
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	843	104.00-175.00	125-132	126.48
TENDERLOINS	159	135.00-195.00	135-140	150.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	133	39.00-44.00	-	42.15
LEGS	166	27.00-44.00	27-29	28.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,533	18.50-25.00	21-23	21.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	271	83.00-87.00	84-86	86.18
WINGS (CUT)	637	87.00-116.00	99-101	101.95
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 3, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
27.50-31.50	29.51	29.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying interest was about fair as dealers cautiously assessed the market and remained reluctant to build inventories substantially. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, however, bone-in breasts had moved into a more manageable position today. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Interest in wings remained strong keeping product short of full needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	121.80	595,960
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.29	105,850
BREAST - WITH RIBS	47-48	53.35	279,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	47	48.09	198,000
LEGS	33-34	36.42	201,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.50	796,430
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.08	245,740
THIGHS	30-31	30.48	230,110
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.97	56,210
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	95.67	378,910
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	98,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.32	89,625
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.62	136,110

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	AVG ACTUAL WTS
	01/03	01/02	01/01	12/29
ALA	3,967	2,895	Holiday	4,692
ARK	5,138	4,722	(A)	7,294
DELMARVA	2,381	2,303	Holiday	2,774
KY-LA-TN	1,990	2,017	Holiday	2,289
MISS	2,584	2,180	Holiday	3,491
NC	2,652	2,553	(A)	3,604
TEXAS	2,374	2,333	Holiday	4,010
TOTAL	21,086	19,003	902	28,154
MON-WED	41,013	(B)		30,374

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 31,547,000 up 1.20 percent from a week ago and up 3.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,522,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-106
	ICE PACK 93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 112-119
	ICE PACK 105-112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 94
	ICE PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN-06-01

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	01/06/01 (1)	12/30/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	128,312 (2)	124,115
LT HENS	1,478	1,318
HVY HENS	1,174	745
CHECK TOTAL	130,964	126,178

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Jan-01 is 139.4 million head compared to 157.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 128.6 million head or 10.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 13-Jan-01 the estimated available is 147.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	LBS	LBS
AM 1-Jan-01	68,786	74,663
AM 1-Dec-00	71,624	75,849
CHG	-2,838	-1,186
PCT CHG	-4	-2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	01/02/01	12/26/00	01/03/00	01/02/01	12/26/00	01/03/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,701	5,532	5,874	6,425	6,103	12,595
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	114	106	126	1,858	2,048	3,611

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 12/26/00

	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>		<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.10	1.35	1.19	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.45	1.50	1.46	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.75	4.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.10	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	4.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	1.30	1.80	1.45	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.85	1.49	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.65	1.28	DUCKS ea.	-	1.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.10	2.00	1.57	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	2.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 59

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 01, 2001

	<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-69

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